

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 401
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Monday, December 8, 2014
8:45 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Blanchette, Lynn
Bloom, Elizabeth
Brier, Jessica
Cahill, Michelle
Ducharme, Maria
Pezzillo, Maria
Tierney, Anne
Twardowski, Linda: Board President
Walters, Delores

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Blier, Diane
Jean, Marie
Matthew, Joanne
Young, Kristen

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

McInnis, Twila Director of the Board
Morgan, Jane Legal Counsel

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Casey, Bob
Clapprood, Eleanor, NPARI
DeLuca, Patty, Lincoln Technical Institute
Gadbois, Chris, RISNA/ANA-RI
Haidenmenos, Karen, Kaplan Test Prep
Huntley-Newby, Donna, RIC
Policastro, Donna RISNA-ANA
Sullivan, Mary, URI

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, December 8, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:52 am on a motion by Anne Tierney, seconded by Maria Pezzillo. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the November 10, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes and October 6, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Anne Tierney and seconded by Beth Bloom to accept the Open Session Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2014. Motion was made by Anne Tierney and seconded by Beth Bloom to accept the Open Session Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2014, adding in Eleanor Clapprood as a visitor in attendance. Motion carried.

1. Director's Report, Twila McInnis

- a. Board of Nursing Meeting Schedule, 2015
- b. Advanced Practice Nurse Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2015
- c. Licensee Information for November, 2014
- d. Application Approval Designation: A motion was made by Anne Tierney and seconded by Michelle Cahill to delegate consent to the Department of Health staff to approve and process nursing license applications and to have the Director of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education approve applications that may have any issues, such as a

positive background check. Any applications with concerns determined by the Director of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education will be presented to the Board of Nursing for approval.

- e. Renewal/reinstatement of license policies of other states. Twila McInnis discussed the process in other states, such as Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Florida, Michigan and Iowa. Donna Policastro noted a need to clarify active and inactive status, do research on a fee, putting the fees in a special restricted account for the BON and possibly use it for substance abuse treatment and refresher courses. Lynn Blanchette asked that we find out the numbers that don't renew on time. Linda Twardowski suggested writing a policy that aligns with the physician's policy with assistance from Jane Morgan
- f. Truth in Reporting: Straight Talk for the Good Nurse Donna Policastro spoke of the need for nurses to be whistleblowers.
- g. Nursing implementation of opioid range orders. In Rhode Island we follow the Joint Commission recommendations. Maria Ducharme said that we have one order of number of milligrams based on a pain rating scale and we are not minimizing nurse's contribution, but involving the team in effective pain management.
- h. NCSBN ORBS Implementation. We are on the list for implementation with NCSBN for 2018 or 2019.
- i. NCSBN APRN Distance Learning Education guidelines
- j. NCLEX pass rates for US by program type from Oct. 1, 2013-Sept. 30, 2014: RN Diploma 82.72%, RN AND 79.34%, RN BSN 84.78%. This will be on the Nursing page for the Department of Health.
- k. Letters sent to schools of nursing with <80% NCLEX pass rate: Salve Regina, URI and NEIT must submit a proposal of analysis of the problem by 2/1/15 for review by the BON for the 2/9/15 meeting. The schools must submit a plan of correction by July 1, 2015 for review by the BON for the 7/13/15 meeting.
- l. Patricia DeLucia, MSN, RN, Dean of Nursing Candidate for Lincoln Technical Institute. The school needs to formally request a variance for qualifications of the applicant.
- m. Mary Sullivan, PhD, Interim Dean, URI Clinical Faculty; Request to accept a clinical faculty candidate with a MPA, not a MS in Nursing. A motion was made by Jessica Brier and seconded by Beth Bloom to not approve the request for a waiver for a clinical faculty member that does not have a Master of Science in Nursing. All in favor except for Delores Walters, who abstained.
- n. CCNE Accreditation Denial for Bellevue University, NE

2. President's Report, Linda Twardowski

- a. Study supporting minimum of 80% BSN degreed nurses in hospital settings. This will improve patient outcomes and reduce costs with a 18.7% lower readmission rate and 1.9% shorter length of stay.
- b. Institute of Regulatory Excellence January 13-15, 2015 Conference

3. Old Business

- a. Reports from the work groups of the Board of Nursing:

Task Force on Education: Lead Maria Pezzillo A template should be developed for the annual reports from schools of nursing.

Task Force on Skill Remediation: Lead Kristen Young There are online programs at the Charter Oak State School in New Britain, CT and the Univ. of Delaware. Details will be shared next month.

Subcommittee on Website Improvement: Workgroup 11-11:30 am Sally Johnson met with the group to discuss what should be on the website.

Subcommittee for Basic Nursing Education BON Seats This group consists of Michelle Cahill, Beth Bloom, Maria Pezzillo and Lynn Blanchette.

Administrative Hearings.

C13-374 RN24604 Cornell, David

C13-670 RN49028 Keener, Sean

Attorneys Karl Beauregard and Jane Morgan stated that notice of service was only 18 days, when it should have been 20 days, so there would be no administrative hearings today.

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Jessica Brier and seconded by Michelle Cahill to adjourn to Closed Session at 12:22 pm. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants

for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

7. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Lynn Blanchette and seconded by Beth Bloom at 3:22 pm to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 0 and denied 0 applications; and proposed action on 14 cases.

9. Adjournment

The next Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held Monday, January 12, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Maria Pezzillo and seconded by Michelle Cahill to adjourn at 3:40 pm . Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Twila McInnis, MPA, MS, RN
Director of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education